

NUCLEAR SAFETY RESEARCH REVIEW PANEL

CHARTER

I. Purpose

The Department of Energy (DOE) Nuclear Safety Research Review Panel (NSRRP) is established to review the DOE Nuclear Safety Research program under the purview of the DOE Office of Environment, Safety and Health, to provide guidance on ways and means to improve the effectiveness of the program, and to assist in prioritizing nuclear safety research projects.

II. Responsibilities

At the request of the Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, the NSRRP shall:

- 1. Provide technical and managerial expertise in the evaluation of the Nuclear Safety Research Program under the purview of the Office of Environment, Safety and Health, and make recommendations on needed program improvements.**
- 2. Provide technical and managerial expertise in the evaluation and prioritization of DOE nuclear safety research projects under the purview of the Office of Environment, Safety and Health.**
- 3. Review and provide comment on the Nuclear Safety Research Program Plan and Annual Report.**

III. Membership

- Membership in the DOE NSRRP shall be limited to DOE and other Federal agency employees and to employees of DOE management and operating or management and integration contractors reviewing or advising on matters related to their contract, selected with a view toward establishing a panel that shall be comprised of a cross-section of the DOE research and operations community. Representatives might include: (1) the Chiefs of Nuclear Safety from the Under Secretary for Energy, Science and Environment, and from the National Nuclear Security Administration, (2) one or more representatives from the National Laboratories (perhaps nominated by the National Laboratory Improvement Council), and (3) one or more representatives from DOE Management and Operating contractors (perhaps nominated by the Energy Facilities Contractor Group).**

- **With the exception of employees of the National Nuclear Security Administration and its contractors, panel members shall serve at the invitation of the Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health for two years, and their appointments shall be renewable upon approval by the Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health. Panel Members who are employees of the National Nuclear Security Administration or its contractors, will be appointed by the Administrator for Nuclear Security after coordinating with the Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health. Such members shall serve for two years, and their appointment may be renewed.**
- **The panel shall provide its recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health.**

IV. Procedures

- **The Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health or such official's designee shall chair the panel.**
- **Administrative support for the panel shall be provided by the Office of Nuclear Safety Research.**
- **The panel shall meet approximately four times per year at an appropriate location for the purpose of discussing nuclear safety research issues and related matters and concerns.**
- **Only panel members shall vote on recommendations. Additional DOE and contractor personnel are invited and encouraged to participate in panel meetings and activities.**